

Senate, April 1, 1998. The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. HANDLEY, 4th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-14 of the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof:

4 Each child or youth in the custody of the
5 Commissioner of Children and Families due to
6 behavioral problems, and served by an approved
7 residential treatment facility with special
8 education programs, may continue in such facility
9 beyond eighteen years of age until his program is
10 completed. The Commissioner of Mental Health and
11 Addiction Services shall be responsible for the
12 payment of board and care costs for any child or
13 youth who remains in an approved residential
14 treatment facility with special education programs
15 beyond eighteen years of age pursuant to this
16 section PROVIDED SUCH CHILD OR YOUTH MEETS THE
17 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE
18 COMMISSIONER.

19 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1,
20 1998.

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File No. 259

21 HS COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 16 NAY 0 JF

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SB 216

STATE IMPACT	None, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

Under current law, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) is responsible for board and care costs of some individuals aging out of the Department of Children and Families (DCF). This bill clarifies that DMHAS is only responsible for the board and care costs of those individuals who meet the DMHAS eligibility requirements. Under current practice, DMHAS only pays for those individuals who can be appropriately served by the department. Therefore, as this bill clarifies a current practice, there is no associated fiscal impact.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

SB 216

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SUMMARY: Current law requires the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to pay board and care costs for adults between ages 18 and 21 who are

(1) in the care of the Department of Children and Families because of behavioral problems and (2) attending a residential treatment facility providing special education. This bill limits this payment to individuals who meet eligibility requirements set by the DMHAS commissioner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1998

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 16 Nay 0